

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed 8/23/2004 and made final, the Patent Office allowed all pending claims except claim 45 were allowed solely to expedite issuance, the applicants have canceled claim 45 herein, and prompt issuance of a notice of allowance is requested.

The applicants reserve the right to pursue protection for the subject matter of claim 45 or any other subject matter in continuing applications.

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